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## DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/26/05 has been entered.

## Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment to claims 1-5, the cancellation of claims 6-19, and the addition of claims 20-22 filed on 8/26/05 are acknowledged. Currently, claims 1-5, and 20-22 are pending in this application.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's amendment, 132 declaration, and remarks filed in conjunction with the RCE on 8/26/05 have been fully considered. As shown by comparative data presented in the 132 Declaration, the film derived from closest prior art, JP-117334 does not exhibit a negative birefringence or a three dimensional refractive indexes as required by the

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present optical compensating film. The instant uniaxially and biaxial stretch molding methods were shown to be critical in producing an optical film having negative birefringence and three-dimensional refractive indexes as expressed in the present claims. Accordingly, the instant invention as defined by claims 1-5 and 20-22 are allowable over prior art of record due to unobvious results demonstrated for the scope of the present claims.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Helen L. Pezzuto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1108. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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